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■ BY MARIJKE COX

FAILED asylum seekers are sneaking out of Britain through Dover because they are so fed up with the state of our public services, according to immigration staff.

Les Williams, a chief immigration officer at the UK Border Agency, spoke to Police Review magazine and revealed how in recent weeks he and his team had caught many illegal immigrants trying to leave the UK. Out of those collared, most said their reasons were down to the lack of sunshine and bad healthcare from the NHS.

Mr Williams, who is based in Kent, said many of them, mostly Afghans and Iraqis, planned to go to Italy after hearing rumours the government would introduce an amnesty for asylum seekers.

Another immigration insider revealed he had stopped a group of illegal immigrants trying to sneak out through the Port of Dover.

He said: "There has been a big rise in the number of illegals we are catching sneaking out.

"A group of four men from Iraq I stopped said they were sick of the rain and cold and just wanted to get home or somewhere with a bit more sun. They also complained they couldn't get appointments to see a doctor. It's all a bit rich really."

In response to Mr Williams' revelation, a spokesperson at the UK Border Agency stated illegal immigrants are leaving the country for reasons other than the weather: "Our crack down on illegal immigration and plans for ID cards seem to be driving illegal workers from Britain."

Dover and Deal MP, Gwyn Prosser, said: "I'd like to see how you can compare people seeking asylum, after leaving a country in fear of their lives, to anecdotal stories of people leaving the UK over the weather. At the very least I would

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# Presentation honours the dedication of team players

■ BY MARIJKE COX

PLAYERS from Dover Rugby Club have been awarded honorary caps in a surprise presentation by the Mayor of Dover.

Twenty-five players from the first team, which has seen five promotions in six seasons, were lured into the town council offices under the false pretences of a small ceremony on Thursday night.

But Cllr Bob Markham, the Mayor of Dover, instead awarded each man with a cap to recognise the commitment and hard work put into the team.

He said: "I'm absolutely delighted to award the caps to the players. This has never been done before."

"I'm also pleased to see Dover town council's early co-operation coming into fruition in this wonderful fashion."

"The presentation of the caps is part of our commitment to sport. We've just donated £4,500 to Dover Rugby Club and £10,000 to the Supporters' Trust for Dover Athletic."

"This is a great time for local sport and both disciplines are growing, which can be seen from both the rugby and football clubs' efficiency and achievements."

The players' first taste of rugby was 13 years ago when they turned up for training at the ground in Crabble, most of them aged just nine.

They soon became involved with a youth-set up which allows youngsters to train with the first team and gradually moved through the ranks to become Dover's first XV.



**PRESENTATION:** Rugby chairman Richard Catt with the mayor, Cllr Bob Markham

The team, nicknamed the Sharks, has revelled in recent success with five promotions in six seasons which, according to the chairman of the rugby club, Richard Catt, has not been equalled before.

He said: "I'm really proud of them all. Year on year they've been getting stronger. They're now in the London Two South League."

"Dover town council and the mayor have been very supportive of what we are trying to do in the town."

"One of our main goals is to keep young people and adults involved in sport. Through the team's success this will hopefully motivate others to do the same."

Richard Collins, first team manager, said: "The caps weren't awarded because of the success of the team but as a recognition of each player's playing record."

"John Mercer, who's a coach here, came up with the idea that we should recognise the players' achievements in the first team and 25 of them were chosen."

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Port welcomes new member to board

A NEW board member is being welcomed at the Port of Dover following an appointment by the Secretary of State for Transport.

Valerie Owen OBE, 51, will sit on the Dover Harbour Board, the independent trust at the port. She is already a member of the board for Covent Garden Market Authority and the National Forest Company.

Mrs Owen, managing director of Le Valliant Owen Consultancy, was awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to architecture and the community in east London.

## Girls chosen to take royal appointments

A NEW carnival court has been chosen to represent Dover.

The selection evening took place on Sunday, April 27, and the girls chosen are Loren Selby, 15, who will take over from Chloe Atkins as Miss Dover, and Leighanne Burns, 18, and Nina Perkins, 15, as her princesses.

This year's Junior Miss Dover is Jordon Schmibl, 12, and her princesses are Karlie Clubb, 12, and Chrissie Moat, 14. Dover Rosebud Queen is Natasha Putka, aged eight.

The new court will be on parade at Dover Carnival.

## Course aims to help ease long term pain

THE NHS is helping people with chronic or long term illness take control of their condition.

A new scheme, the NHS Expert Patient Programme, is being set up to help sufferers manage their condition as well as deal with pain or depression they may be struggling with.

Those who feel this free programme will benefit them should contact expert patient programme manager Claire Doran on 01304 216857.

## Marching to success

DOVER Sea Cadets came second in the Southern Area Drill Competition.

The cadets, who were representing the East Kent District at HMS Excellent in Portsmouth, missed first place by only 0.8 of a mark.

Positions achieved in the competition were best guard commander, runner-up for best armed guard and runner-up for best dressed guard.

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# International praise for war memorial site

## Thousands log on to remember our heroes

AN online memorial created to remember those who died in the two world wars has received praise from around the world.

The Dover War Memorial Project, created by Maggie Stephenson-Knight and Simon Chambers, is a virtual memorial created on Remembrance Sunday in 2005.

Run by volunteers, the project introduces the people who died as remembered by those who knew them.

Many of the comments left on the site are from people not only from Dover but from as far away as Australia.

One comment from a person in Canada said: "What you have accomplished through the Dover War Memorial Project is to raise the dead.

"The generous consequences of your single-mindedness have done much to give breath to the almost forgotten memories of 1914.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

"The tissue that wrapped my great uncle and all the others in an early grave now has some kinder edges.

"Your presentation offers a memory of them that is lightened and refreshed."

Founder and chief researcher of the project, Maggie Stephenson-Knight, said it is not uncommon to get messages from people around the world.

She said: "From the beginning the DWMP has attracted international interest and support. We work closely with people overseas as well as in this country.

### Global

"In Australia we have a volunteer who transcribes historic documents, another who researches. In Canada we have a wonderful organiser and researcher, seeking out information and making contacts.

"There are already strong links between our town and overseas –

quite a few of our casualties enlisted with Canadian and Australian forces.

"It was the Canadian commanded troops who liberated Dover from cross-Channel guns in 1944."

The project has been so successful that in January there were 11,500 visitors to the site from 68 different countries.

Ms Stephenson-Knight said: "New information comes in every day from people across the UK and around the world. Added to all the research we've done, there's heaps of information still to go online."

Most of the comments put on the site are from families who lost loved ones in the war.

One comment from an American said: "Thank you so much for putting together this war memorial project.

"Please tell your volunteers that from the son of a Yank who helped defend your town during the buzz bomb attacks, thank you from the bottom of my heart."

• To have a look at the online memorial log onto [www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk](http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk).



## I SPY FUN AT THE CASTLE

Junior James Bonds were given the chance to show what they can do at a special spy school run over the Bank Holiday at Dover Castle.

They were given lessons in the techniques which make a good secret agent – including disguises and codes.

More than 6,000 visitors arrived at the castle over the weekend and organisers English Heritage said the event had been hugely successful.

Events manager Alysha Sargent told Yourdover: "We had a spy assault course, disguises using face painting and mad moustaches and weird wigs.

"Everyone enjoyed it and found out what it is like to be a spy for a day."

Other events included 1940s-style games and a spy quest for a hidden transmitter located somewhere in the castle.

## 'Why do we stop them?'

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say this is undermining those asylum seekers with legitimate reasons for wanting to be here.

"If the people leaving are asylum shoppers, who use asylum as a vehicle to move around, they have no real fear in their own country.

"Now and again amnesties in different countries are set up and asylum seekers head to those places. At the moment I think Italy has done something like this."

Charlie Elphicke, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, said: "There are two issues we need to address. The first is that we need to sort out public services. They're right about that.

"The second is we really need to ask why we are trying to catch illegal immigrants who are trying to leave the country? We should be sending them away with a cheery wave – that's what the French do."

A spokesperson at the UK Border Agency said: "We work with the French to stop illegals crossing the channel. Indeed they stopped 18,000 illegal immigrants for us in France. Our part is to do our bit to send illegal immigrants back to the country they came from."

Critics have stated that failed asylum seekers leaving on their own accord is probably the best chance the Home Office has of clearing the 285,000 case backlog.

## 'Appeal is about cash' claims action group

THE chairman of the Langdon Action Group has blasted energy giant Ecotricity for appealing to the Government to build a wind farm in North Dover.

Plans for the controversial development were put forward by the energy firm amid fears from residents about the possible effects on local people and the surrounding area.

But despite the application only being lodged in November 2007, Ecotricity has now accused Dover council of holding up the case and lodged an appeal on the grounds of non-determination to the Planning Inspectorate.

This comes before a decision was made by the council's planning committee about whether proposals for the 120metre-high wind turbines would go ahead.

But chairman of LAG, Anthony Hyde, believes Ecotricity only appealed because they knew the application would be refused by the council. He said: "I think the firm assumed DDC would refuse their application and they decided they may as well go straight to an appeal so they could have a chance of an earlier hearing.

"It's very tactical and political.

What it comes down to is money."

But Ecotricity managing director, Dale Vince, denies the claims and sticks with the argument that the council's planning committee were holding up the application.

He said: "We've taken this project to appeal as the council has refused to make a decision in anything like the proper timeframe.

"This means the decision now goes to the Planning Inspectorate, who will do the council's job for them.

"It's shameful for any council to behave in this way but especially one that claims green credentials, as DDC does. This is a waste of time and rate payers' money."

Following the appeal, a hearing will be set and the Planning Inspectorate will get a decision within 12 months.

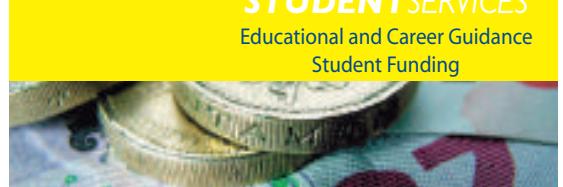
A spokesperson at DDC said: "We can confirm there is an appeal against non-determination of this matter with the planning committee.

"The circumstances will be reported to the planning committee in due course. It's not appropriate to comment further at this time."

Mr and Mrs Richard Fuller, owners of the land proposed for development, were unavailable for comment.

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# Big Weekend is go



HER MADGESTY: Madonna is headline act at Radio 1's Big Weekend

## Star-studded line-up the hottest ticket in town

■ BY JON COATES

THE three-month build-up to the biggest music event to come to Kent in decades is nearing completion.

The four stages, which will host more than 50 top UK and international bands and DJs, are now in place for Radio 1's Big Weekend in Mote Park, Maidstone.

The festival – on Saturday and Sunday – will be headlined by Madonna, The Kooks, The Editors, Raconteurs, Fatboy Slim and Kent's own Pete Tong.

About 34,000 tickets have been allocated – with the vast majority going to music fans in Maidstone and the rest of the county.

### Chance

Forty-five per cent, or 15,300, went to people living in the county town, with a further 40 per cent, or 13,600, going to fans across the rest of Kent.

Ten per cent, or 3,400, went to the surrounding areas of Sussex, Surrey, Essex and London, and five per cent, or 1,700, tickets were allocated across the rest of the UK.

A Radio 1 spokeswoman said: "You had the highest chance of getting a ticket if you lived in Maidstone – with a one in 16 chance for Saturday and a one in nine chance for Sunday.

"You also had more of a chance of being



HEADLINERS: The Kooks will join a host of top acts

allocated a ticket if you lived in Kent than the rest of the UK."

A ticket tout has already tried to sell a pair of Saturday tickets – when Madonna takes to the main stage – for £500 on an auction website.

But Radio 1 bosses have warned music fans not to take a costly gamble, as for past events tickets have been sold for hundreds of pounds only for the seller to declare their tickets lost and get replacements.

The buyer will not know if the tickets have been invalidated until they get to the entrance gates.

All of the tickets also have the holder's name and address, and a unique barcode, on them, and there will be ID checks before admission.

Security, policing and transport arrangements are in place to ensure the festival runs without a hitch.

Police warned this week that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated – with offi-

cers given extra powers by the courts to disperse known troublemakers.

Anyone found hanging around Mote Park who does not have a ticket and is causing a disturbance will be moved on.

Posters have gone up in the area advising residents of the order, which will come into effect tomorrow and Thursday's and run until Sunday.

Event commander, Superintendent Ian Hall, said: "Should officers see anyone from Maidstone who is known for anti-social behaviour and who is not in possession of tickets for the event, then they will be warned that a dispersal order is in place and moved on."

Ticket holders have been urged to use public transport or walk to the festival – rather than use cars.

Extra park and ride services will run from London Road and Sittingbourne Road until midnight on both days, together with extra buses coming from Medway and along the London Road.

South Eastern is also providing extra trains to Maidstone East and West stations.

Maidstone council and Kent police hope to keep disruption to a minimum and there will be no parking in Mote Park or surrounding residential roads.

Anyone found parking illegally risks a fine or being towed away, but residents have been sent permits to allow them to get to and from their homes.

• Full band line-up for the Big Weekend can be seen on our sister website [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk).

## All that glitters is Goldfrapp

GLAM-pop duo Goldfrapp will bring their synthesized sounds to Mote Park on Sunday afternoon, writes Simon Robinson.

The established London electro/disco outfit, fronted by lead singer Alison Goldfrapp from whom the band take their name, will take a break from a string of sold out solo gigs to perform at the Big Weekend.

But despite notching up five top 20 singles in their nine year career – most notably the infectious club hit Ooh La La – composer Will Gregory said accepting Radio 1's invite to play during the open-air two-dayer was somewhat of an enjoyable risk.

Speaking from a New York hotel on the morning of the band's last

mini-US tour gig, he said: "Festivals are great but are sort of a double-edged sword."

The audiences are serious music fans but they haven't come specifically to see you, so people will just fall away if they're not interested in what you're doing.

"On the other hand, it's great playing to people on the second day of festivals when they're right in the middle of letting go."

"You don't get that at one-off gigs."

"Festivals also take away the comfort zone of sound checks, so we're going to have to get on the stage and go with it."

"That gives the performance an exciting edge. There's a rawness to it. We've got to give it our best shot."

With their travel arrangement back to Blighty not yet finalised, Will said he didn't know if he would make it down to Maidstone in time for the Big Weekend's opening day, headlined by the Queen of Pop Madonna.

He said: "We're planning on staying in America for a couple of days but I'd like to come down for the Saturday."

"I'd quite like to see Guillemots and Editors. That's the nice thing about festivals, you get to see other bands play."

Chances are the stage wings will be packed with equally interested artists for Goldfrapp's set, having built up a legion of admirers both in and out of the British music

scene since their Felt Mountain 2000 debut.

Will said their success on the home-front was due to their traditional feel.

He said: "What we do is quite English or British, we're slightly eccentric and have a quirky sense of humour."

"It's that character that maybe people connect with."

Goldfrapp's latest album, Seventh Tree, moves on from the hard-hitting disco roots the band have made their own, to a warm acoustic sound.

Goldfrapp take to the main stage on Sunday afternoon, performing after the Pigeon Detectives and before US rap star Nelly.



SYNTH STARS: Goldfrapp will play on Sunday afternoon



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JOIN WITH US: The Feeling can't wait to play in front of the huge crowd at Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone

# Feeling good

THE Feeling will spend all of Saturday at the Big Weekend checking out the new talent being showcased across its four stages, **writes Jon Coates**.

The indie outfit, from Sussex and London, are the second act on the main stage, following openers The Hoosiers.

They plan to then wander around the site taking in bands they have not seen while on tour in Japan and working on their second album Join With Us, which went to number one in the album chart in February.

Drummer Paul Stewart said: "It was incredible. You spend so many months trying to get a record as good as you think it can be, but you never know if it will meet everyone else's expectations."

"So we were over the moon with the reception the second album got – it was amazing."

## Sunny

The Feeling went on a mini-tour of the UK in March and will support Bon Jovi at four stadium gigs in June, before going out on their own main tour in the autumn.

When the call came in from Radio 1 to take part in the Big Weekend, they jumped at the chance of getting involved during a break in their gigging schedule.

Paul said: "The Big Weekend is a one-off for us. It's really nice to be asked and we said 'yes please' straight away."

"We are looking forward to it. Fingers crossed for the weather. It's great to have people going nuts in a field to good music, but if it's a beautiful sunny day, there is nothing better than hanging around

having a few beers and seeing some bands. "We will be there all day taking it all in. A lot of the time due to our schedule we turn up an hour before we play and then an hour later leave, which is a shame."

"We always ask when possible if we can get there towards the start and go home at the end."

The drummer said he is looking forward to discover great new bands: "The main focus is understandably on the main stage, but there are a lot of up and coming breakthrough acts that we may never have heard of that are great to see."

"We have spent a lot of time in Japan recently and people starting talking to us about bands we have missed while we have been away."

"We will just wander around and see what is going on, as live music is in such a healthy state at the moment."

The Feeling also relish the challenge of converting new fans at festivals.

Paul said: "Festivals are the only opportunity you get to play to people who may be half interested in seeing you or people on their way to another stage."

"It takes you back to when you are playing in pubs and clubs trying to convert a new crowd."

And for the drummer it will be even more special as he has family in Maidstone.

The Feeling played a gig in Dover earlier this year and at the festival in Port Lympne last year, so are no strangers to Kent.

Paul said: "It's nice to see Radio 1, who can go anywhere, chose to have the Big Weekend in Maidstone. I think this is nice and fitting."

The only dilemma his band has is how many of their hits they will be able to cram into their half-hour slot.

# Annie Mac's in town

RADIO 1 DJ Annie Mac is looking forward to the best Big Weekend yet.

The rising star, 29, (pictured) will be one of the busiest people working at the two-day event in Maidstone.

She will broadcast her weekend show from backstage at Mote Park from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Annie will be filming her music TV show Sound on BBC2 on Saturday at... with Nick Grimshaw, with the show to be broadcast on BBC2 on May 17.

The Dublin-born DJ then has the dubious task of headlining the Outdoor DJ Stage on the Saturday night – at the same time as Madonna takes to the main stage.

Annie will then hot-foot it across to the Aftershow Party at Maidstone Studios for an early slot, before grabbing a few hours sleep in preparation for the Sunday.

She said she cannot wait for the festival to get underway:



"The Big Weekend is one of those events where I always feel very proud of what it can do."

"The DJs get to hang out and be part of something big, you feel part of a big force."

"This will be my third Big Weekend and without doubt this will be the best one yet – the line-up is better than Reading, or Leeds, or Glastonbury, it is incredible."

"The main stage line-up was impressive, but when I saw the In New Music We Trust Stage line-up I was blown away – as it has all the upcoming bands that you want to see."

Annie added: "I am looking forward to seeing Vampire Weekend. I saw them at a small gig a long time ago, so to see them playing on a big stage will be cool."

"I love The Futureheads, they are a great band, and Pendulum – many people will not have seen them live and are in for a treat."

## Local heroes to join the big line-up

TWO Kent bands will rub plec-trums with the Queen of Pop Madonna and indie giants The Kooks – after being added to the Big Weekend bill.

Guitar-driven quartet It Hugs Back, from Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells folk stars Tom Williams and The Boat will both play at the Mote Park festival.

They were both given slots on the BBC Introducing stage after being handpicked to perform by DJ Huw Stephens.

The emerging talent stage gives unsigned, undiscovered and under the radar music, artists and DJs the chance to play to a 17,500-strong crowd.

Their performances will be filmed and recorded for broadcast on the Radio 1 shows of Huw Stephens, Zane Lowe and Rob Da Bank, other BBC Radio shows across the country and possibly network television.

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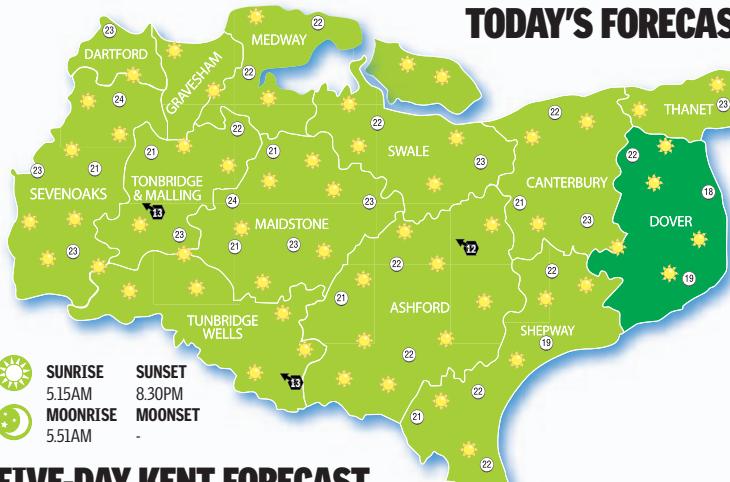
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	Sunday	4:19pm	5.8m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	1:52pm	6.6m
	Sunday	2:45pm	6.4m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	1:47pm	7.7m
	Sunday	2:33pm	7.4m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	2:22pm	5.0m
	Sunday	3:15pm	4.9m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	3:23pm	5.7m
	Sunday	4:09pm	5.5m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	3:31pm	5.2m
	Sunday	4:15pm	5.1m

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<b>Ashford</b>	20°C	21°C	21°C	22°C	20°C
<b>Canterbury</b>	19°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	18°C
<b>Chatham</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
<b>Dartford</b>	20°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	20°C
<b>Dover</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	15°C
<b>Faversham</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
<b>Folkestone</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	15°C
<b>Gillingham</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
<b>Gravesend</b>	20°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	20°C
<b>Maidstone</b>	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	20°C
<b>Ramsgate</b>	19°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	18°C
<b>Rochester</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
<b>Sevenoaks</b>	19°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C
<b>Sittingbourne</b>	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
<b>Tonbridge</b>	20°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	21°C
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<b>Beijing</b>	22°C	<b>Rome</b>	20°C
<b>Bombay</b>	31°C	<b>Sydney</b>	20°C
<b>Cape Town</b>	23°C	<b>Tenerife</b>	24°C
<b>Cardiff</b>	17°C	<b>Tokyo</b>	20°C
<b>Gibraltar</b>	19°C	<b>Vancouver</b>	12°C
<b>Hong Kong</b>	29°C	<b>Warsaw</b>	19°C
<b>Las Palmas</b>	23°C	<b>Wellington</b>	11°C

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Family remembers kind and caring man

THE family of Trevor Fennell who died when his bike crashed with a car on Alkham Valley Road, between Dover and Folkestone, have paid tribute to him.

The 45-year-old lived in Ramsgate and had worked at east Kent branches of Lloyds TSB Bank for 26 years.

His wife and two daughters described him as very kind, thoughtful and caring.

In a statement his family said he had been taken from them "tragically". They said he would also be missed by customers and colleagues at the Ramsgate branch of the bank where he worked as a business banking manager.

The statement added: "Trevor was very kind, thoughtful and caring of others and will be remembered for his bubbly personality and sense of humour.

"He was taken suddenly from us but remembered in our hearts for ever."

## Cricket club damaged

POLICE are appealing for information following criminal damage to Sandwich town's cricket club, The Butts.

The incident happened between April 17 and 20, when offenders left an estimated £2,000 of damage to the pitch cover holder struts.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### MIKE CONOLLY



## Q & A

Paul Boland, editor of the Doverforum website, talks to **Marijke Cox** about why he came to live in the Channel town, what he loves about the area and his hopes for future prosperity in Dover

#### Who or what brought you to the Dover district?

**Q** **A** I moved to Wingham Well with my wife Lynne, daughter Nicole, now 19 and son Aaron, now 18, in 2002. I had taken on the job of marketing manager at Kent College in Canterbury and this meant a move from Beckenham where we had lived for many years. We didn't particularly pick on Wingham – it was just a case of finding a property that suited us within a reasonably easy drive of my workplace in Canterbury.

#### What is your favourite thing about living here?

**Q** **A** Having lived in the South London suburbs for many years, it was a real delight to come to Wingham and find a genuine community. I soon got involved with St Mary's in Wingham and Lynne got stuck into local politics and we found that if you made the effort to get to know people they responded very quickly. There was none of the 'they won't talk to you until you've been there 20 years' problem that some of our friends in Beckenham had predicted. We're also very fortunate to have a super country pub, the Haywain at Bramling, just five minute's walk away from our house. It does a lot of fundraising, especially for Pilgrims' Hospice. I was introduced there to the delights of Bat and Trap and I guess playing this converts me from a Kentish Man to a Man of Kent. We have two dogs and it's marvellous on a summer evening to get home from work and be able to go out of the back gate and

straight onto the fields and tracks with them.

#### How are you feeling about being elected as a Dover District councillor for Little Stour and Ashstone?

**Q** **A** I really feel quite humble that so many people voted for me, especially as my main opponent was a well-respected local figure. It's slightly eerie to stand at the count and see so many slips being opened with a cross against your own name. As I mentioned in my election leaflets I will be retiring from full-time work in August and as I don't feel ready yet for the armchair, cardigan and slippers I saw this by-election as a chance to develop new interests and activities. Life has treated me pretty kindly – this is an opportunity to start paying back.

#### Is there anything you would like to see changed in the ward you represent or Dover in general?

**Q** **A** I feel I have a lot of watching, listening and learning to do before I start recommending changes. There are a number of issues such as traffic volume and speed, fly-tipping and vandalism, which are of concern to residents, but these are known problems and are already being addressed. With all the focus on the regeneration of the town of Dover I think it will be my role to ensure that the needs of the villages are not forgotten.

#### What are you most looking forward to in your role?

**Q** **A** There are two things that I'm particularly looking forward to. The first is getting

involved with, and helping where I can, the tremendously exciting plans the council has for the future of our area. My first official task was to go to the annual parish assembly at Wingham and hear more about the development plans that are being worked on for our village, and I'm sure I shall find the same as I go to other villages in the ward. And of course the plans for Dover itself are a huge opportunity to bring greater prosperity to the town. I'm also looking forward to being able to help my neighbours with any difficulties that need a councillor to address on their behalf.

#### Why do you think you were so successful in the by-election?

**Q** **A** I believe there were three factors. Firstly, it became obvious to me during the campaign how strongly committed councillors Sue Chandler and Trevor Bartlett are to serving the ward. I'm sure I benefited from the high regard residents here have for them. Secondly, the national political scene can never be totally absent from voters' minds, even in a by-election, and clearly the tide is flowing strongly for the Conservatives at the moment. Most important though was the fantastic level of support my campaign enjoyed, not only from my wife, who was a brilliant campaign manager, but also from literally dozens of helpers who delivered leaflets and letters, canvassed, acted as tellers, and went round on Polling Day getting the vote out. I owe them all a huge thank you and they will be getting a party invitation very soon.



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# Mia's the strongest link

■ BY NICK AMES

CLAIRVOYANT and ghost-hunter Mia Dolan used her brain power to raise money for children's hospice Demelza House by winning a TV quiz show.

She walked away with £13,500 to donate to her favourite charity after winning a "psychics" challenge version of the BBC's hit show The Weakest Link, presented by Anne Robinson.

Psychic Mia appears in the ITV show Haunted Homes, in which she investigates spooky goings-on with colleagues David Vee and Professor Chris French.

The trio spend two nights in a "haunted" building attempting to find evidence of ghostly activity.

Mia has been a constant supporter of Sittingbourne's Demelza House – which cares for seriously ill children – and met residents and staff during her visit to present the Weakest Link prize money.

"From personal experience, there's no greater pain than losing a child," she said. "So it's a great honour for me to help Demelza in any way I can."

Sue Booth, the charity's campaigns manager, said: "We were delighted when we heard that Mia was donating her winnings to us and even more so when she came to visit.

"This is a fantastic amount and donations like Mia's will enable us to continue caring for the children and families who need our services."

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The charity, which marks its 10th anniversary this year, also has a 'hospice at home' service, with paediatric nurses offering visits to homes, and emergency cover and assistance from groups such as bereavement charity Cruse.



CHEQUE OUT: TV psychic Mia Dolan, left, presents her prize money to Lisa Busby of Demelza House

## How Kray twins got on their bikes around Kent

NOTORIOUS gangsters Ronnie and Reggie Kray loved "cycling down country lanes" in Kent touring antique shops for bargains.

The bizarre revelation about the killers, who were jailed for life in 1969 for the murders of Jack The Hat McVitie and George Cornell, are in The Kray Tapes, which went on sale this week.

The interviews with Ronnie, Reggie and Charlie Kray, reveal they got out of London as often as possible.

In the 1989 interview – never heard before – with Kent author Robin McGibbon – Ronnie says: "We used to go every weekend and used to go cycling along country lanes and go to antique shops."

And Ronnie, who died at 61 of a heart attack in March 1995, said he and Reg – who died in October 2000 from bladder cancer at the age of 66 – said they never committed any crimes when they toured Kent, Suffolk, Sussex and Hertfordshire on their bikes.

He said: "We loved the peacefulness, nice scenery and the quiet. We used to go for long walks along country lanes – it was smashing."

Mr McGibbon, started corresponding with the twins while they were in prison and taped interviews during visits.

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# Here's looking at you, kid

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Prince's Trust is looking for volunteers to help unemployed young people get back into the workplace in a new initiative for the county.

The mentoring scheme has been successful in other parts of the UK and this summer it will be launched in Kent.

It is aimed at assisting young people who want to move on with their lives and build on the confidence and skills they have acquired while completing a course run by the trust.

The role requires a commitment of two hours fortnightly over six months and includes offering support and encouragement in exploring training and education opportunities.

Gill Rogers is responsible for the implementation of the scheme. She said: "It has been successful elsewhere so it is natural that we want to expand it and help people in Kent."

"The volunteers we are looking for do not need an armful of qualifications. But what they do require is a commitment to working with and assisting young people who are unemployed to achieve their goals."

The scheme is an expansion of one we have already used called business mentoring. This is more a personal mentoring approach, although the actual title is progression mentoring.

The people who take on the challenge will be asked to form a bond and a meaningful relationship with young people who are often educational under-achievers, care-leavers or ex-offenders.

And those who have already taken part say the scheme is extremely rewarding. Steve Arnold has been a progression mentor for three years.

"It is really inspiring to be able to see them move on and to succeed in their lives and to feel that you have had a hand in that."

Michael Pike, 24, was mentored by Mr Arnold for six months after he completed a personal development course run by the trust.

He said: "When I finished the course I was worried I would lose motivation and just go back to doing nothing. Steve really helped keep me focused. He always had good ideas and seemed to really believe in me."

The Prince's Trust helped more than 3,000 disadvantaged young people in the South East last year and works with 14 to 30-year-olds who have struggled to find a place in society for any number of reasons.



**GENERATION GAME:** Mentoring is extremely rewarding for volunteers and young people alike

## Have your say on air travel from Kent and win a holiday

KENT International Airport is undertaking a major public survey to measure the demand for the airport near Ramsgate.

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The survey is being run with KOS Media's [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk) and all those taking part stand a chance of winning a free holiday in Majorca. Kent Escapes is offering flights, transfers and half-board accommodation for two adults.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of Kent International Airport, said he is confident the results of the survey will back up their own research showing increased demand for flights from the Manston site.

He said: "This is an opportunity for the

Kent public to let us know how they would like to use the airport in the future and in particular the places they would want to fly to, the frequency of their air travel and how much they currently spend on travel."

The survey coincides with reports that BAA's ownership of seven UK airports, "may not be serving well the interests of either airlines or passengers", according to the findings of the Competition Commission.

The final report, due to be published in August, could force Spanish-owned BAA to sell one or more of its airports.

BAA took ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted more than two decades ago to make sure there would be enough airport capacity in the South East.

According to the commission, there is still a

shortage of capacity. Mr Clarke agreed, and argued that Manston was ready-made to offer the extra space needed.

He added: "The lack of runway capacity in the South East is often raised as a potential restriction to the economic growth of the region."

"At Kent International Airport we already have a runway that is well placed to serve passenger and freight airlines – Kent's Airport is ready to go right now and already hosting daily 747 flights."

"It is becoming very clear that Kent International Airport will play a significant part in the South East's future network of airports which will directly benefit the district and county's economies creating thousands of new jobs."

• To take part in the survey, visit [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).

## How to stop new superbug strain



CASES of a new strain of the superbug MRSA – affecting young adults and children rather than the elderly in hospital – have increased.

But experts say the number of cases is still very small and there is no cause for panic – but we should all take extra care when it comes to hygiene.

A University of Kent student died after contracting a Panton-Valentine Leukocidin (PVL) infection last year.

PVL is a toxic substance produced by some strains of MRSA, the methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* bacterium that usually infects severely ill patients in hospitals.

Young adults and children generally contract PVL in the community.

Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, director of the Kent Health Protection Unit, said: "It can affect anyone but particularly children and young adults because they have close contact with each other."

### Rare

The latest HPA figures show there were 224 cases of PVL in 2005, rising to 496 in 2006.

In Kent, PVL infections are rare. Medway NHS Foundation Trust said there had been one case last year and that the patient had fully recovered.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported the same and East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust said it had never dealt with a case of the infection.

Dr Chandrakumar said parents should not worry because the infection remains rare.

KOS Media has been running a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in combating infections such as MRSA and *Clostridium difficile*.

Although the risk of catching PVL-MRSA is small the HPA recommends people take simple precautions to protect themselves including hand washing and regular showering/bathing.

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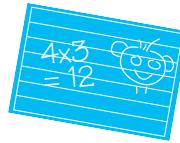
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The pupils performed two choral pieces of their own along with traditional psalms and canticles at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, April 26.

Churchgoers were impressed with the quality of the concert and many described the performance as "rousing, uplifting and extremely professional."

The 30-strong choir was the first from the area to be asked to perform in Folkestone.

### Special status

SIR Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich has been awarded specialist status in mathematics and computing.

This will allow the school to increase its outreach work, offering access to computer facilities as well as maths and ICT lessons to parents and adults in the community.

It will also enable the school to share its skills with local secondary and primary schools.

This comes after an excellent Ofsted report where the school's high performing specialist status as a language college was confirmed.

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# Olympic passion passed on with help of music

■ BY MARIJKE COX

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Dover have composed a song to encourage Olympic organisers to bring the torch through the town in 2012.

More than 100 pupils took part in composing the music during a day of activities at The Ark in Tower Hamlets, organised by Kent County Council, Future Creative and headteachers.

The event was part of the Kent Campaign for the 2012 Olympics and the children spent the day learning about the history of the 1948 Games in Britain and developing their own campaign.

St Martin's School came up with the name, Pass the Passion, and Edward Bodium, from Temple Ewell School, created a winning design, which will be produced on badges and sent to schools.

Elizabeth Tweed, KCC lead member for community services, said: "It was a very exciting atmosphere and the children have plenty of ideas now about the Olympic and Paralympics games.

"It will be a major event for their lifetime and I hope their enthusiasm 'passes the passion' on to the whole of Kent to get us all excited for 2012."

Along with working together on the song and badge design, the children also had the opportunity



**TORCH WORK:** Pupils with John Barratt, who was a reserve Olympic torch bearer, and showed the children his memorabilia

to speak to John Barratt, who was a reserve on the Olympic torch-bearer's team.

Cllr Julie Rook, portfolio holder for citizenship and consumer affairs, said: "This is all about young people getting involved in helping bring the torch to Dover.

"We're the gateway to Great Britain and it makes sense for it to come through here.

"This event is helping to bring the magic dust of the Olympics into the heart of Dover."

Imogen Noble, Future Creative's creative designer for the event, said: "The goal was to develop young people to think imaginatively about the Olympic torch relay.

"Through taking part in different activities, the young people

produced some really superb creative work that Kent will now send to London 2012 organisers."

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## Pampered prince should be grounded after stag antics

IS THERE anyone alive more spoilt than Prince William?

What was his latest exploit – something about going to a party in a helicopter?

Or was it dropping in on his girlfriend by parachute?

No, maybe it was the stag affair on the Isle of Wight – didn't he arrive there by jet pack?

This week he's meant to have flown to Afghanistan – all carefully prepared for an adoring public, of course.

The only thing more annoying than the pampered prince himself is the media's adulation of him – oh – and his brother Harry.

Take the Afghanistan story – would the MoD have ever let him anywhere near the front line? Of course not!

The whole thing was a calculated PR stunt to rescue the image of a group of people – the royals – who are one of the most unpopular groups of people in the country.

As if they are going to give a junior officer the command of a US Air Force air strike.

Anyone involved in the military in any shape or form knows that the US does not accept orders from an officer in any other nation's army. Even when serving under a UN banner the Americans operate their own command structure.

So the whole affair was a figment of some PR person's imagination.

Then there were the shots of him kicking a rugby ball without a care in the world as if the whole Afghan theatre of war was some sort of lads' Club 18-30 holiday camp and the Taliban no more than the beastly bullies who used to ruin Billy Bunter's day at Greyfriars School.

Now we hear about the amazing number of stunts William was able to pull to show off at the taxpayers' expense.

A Chinook costs £15,000 an hour to keep in the air and the military is chronically short of them. In a war zone they are literally life-savers – ferrying men and supplies to and from battlefields and getting the wounded to hospital as fast as is humanly possible.

Yet here is one dropping in on the country

estate of some upper-class girl he wants to impress or taking him to the famous (or infamous) stag do.

That flight even had a detour so that he could pick up his equally ridiculous brother.

To those of us without a private taxi service in the form of the RAF the whole thing reeks of the privilege which so annoys people.

The carefully manufactured stories about how much Harry cares for those who have been injured in combat or the charity work we shall no doubt see William doing in the next few years won't fool anyone.

What we have are two excellent examples of members of the idle rich – whose so-called carers are careful window dressing for what they really want to do and what they excel at – namely swigging overpriced drinks in a London hotspot which has just stopped being trendy.

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## TALK TIME

### MALISSA WHITEHOUSE

Songwriter Malissa is a director at Diverse Music, an independent production company aiming to guide local acts to the top of the pop charts



#### Can you tell me a bit about yourself?

Singing and acting since the age of 10, I first performed at the Bob Hope Theatre in London. After six years of studying drama with an emphasis on music I decided to write my own material. Wider recognition came at 16 when my song Summertime Love made it to the finals for summer song of the year. This gave me a platform to perform at Party In The Park with Top 40 artists and a stage for launching my songwriting career. The music business has taken me on an amazing journey while I developed my skills working within top companies such as MTV and Capital Radio. In 2002 I worked with the UK's most influential music business executive, Richard Park, to launch his media business TRPC. In 2004 I decided to launch my own production company with my business partner, Tony Matthew, and Pop Sessions and Diverse Music were born.

#### What is the main aim of Diverse Music?

Diverse is an independent music production company offering artists and songwriters the support and guidance to professionally record a demo, single or album with producers who have had chart success. We are able to offer advice and make presentations to record labels, publishers and management companies for new bands and artists looking for a recording/publishing deal.

#### Have you been working with any artists from the Dover area?

We certainly have, they are called Faith In Rhymes. The teen rap duo have a huge following already. The guys have been in the studio laying down tracks for their True Ties EP. The duo describe their music as hip hop pop with their material influenced by the likes of Eminem and 2 Pac. They have had the most hits to date on our website ([www.diversemusic.co.uk](http://www.diversemusic.co.uk) and [www.popsessions.co.uk](http://www.popsessions.co.uk)) and we feel sure this will lead to better things.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Speed cameras policy has failed

The story in last week's Yourdover ('Speed cameras haven't slowed us all down yet') once again demonstrates the ability of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership to massage and distort figures to suit its purpose.

If the number of fines for speeding has doubled in one year, without a significant rise in accidents where inappropriate speed was a major factor – figures not given in the report – then it follows that those drivers caught out in excess of those (sometimes arbitrary) posted limits were not necessarily driving dangerously – surely the thing that most matters.

The locations of cameras on the A2 and A256 are on "fast roads" that are not especially dangerous.

Yes, a few drivers do behave irresponsibly, but they are the ones who are liable to do so regardless of speed limits or cameras.

The only sure way to true road safety is to improve driver education with a view to better driving skill and also to increase road education to all, including pedestrians and cyclists.

The A258 is a different case: it does have potentially dangerous stretches, and parts of it – notably around Oxney Bottom and the St Margaret's junction – have a 50mph speed limit that is justified.

However, to claim that the blanket speed limit and fixed cameras on that road have reduced death and injury is a falsehood, foisted upon us to justify the measures.

There were several particularly

bad crashes bunched close together that pushed the figures up. Since then, the situation has

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gone back to something like before. Statisticians call this "reversion to the mean".

I have in front of me police figures for accidents on this road going back to 1999.

The makeup of accidents involving death, serious or slight injury varies for each category from year to year, both upwards and downward, as one would expect.

However, overall, and over the longer period, the number of traffic accidents remains very similar.

The imposition of lower speed limits and cameras seems to have made little difference.

Figures such as these need looking at over a period and also need to be viewed in conjunction with the total number of vehicle movements on the road, from which the number of accidents per kilometre driven can be calculated and expressed as a percentage of vehicle movements.

Only then can true comparisons of the safety (or not) of different roads be judged.

The A258 is not a good road – parts cry out for engineering improvement – but when judged it is not such a "killer road" as has been made out.

There is a fixation on speed where road safety is concerned. The fact is that it is not the major accident cause that it is made out to be.

Nationally, our road casualties peaked (not counting the war and before) in the mid-1960s.

They then steadily improved, almost year on year, until the early 1990s, better than just about any other country, despite a massive increase in the number of vehicles on the road.

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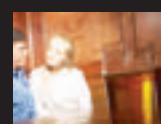


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Enforcement, however, changed dramatically – away from police in favour of targeted automatic justice in the form of cameras.

Simultaneously, a mass lowering of speed limits occurred, meaning people who were driving the same as before (without mishap) were suddenly criminalised.

Did this reduce the accidents? No. That decline from the 1960s ceased and the figures have remained stubbornly similar (some years even rising) ever since.

This would suggest that the policy has failed.

I suggest that the camera partnerships have become self-perpetuating empires which are not willingly going to give up their finance source, and the Association of British Drivers wants them all wound up.

Yet the cameras and reduced speed limits continue to proliferate. They rake in large sums of money, regardless of what it can or cannot be used for.

So is safety, not income, really the object?

If everyone slowed to a snail's pace, congestion would be added to, and nobody would get fined – and the income stream would dry up. Surely it is all a big lie.

They exist to catch people "speeding", not stop them.

Why else would the Government be about to ban in-car radar detectors (a opposed to GPS alerts) which warn against speed traps.

If they were serious about speed and safety they might consider instead make fitting them compulsory.

Ian Taylor  
Association of British Drivers  
Dover

## People are moving out for peace and quiet

I am somewhat bemused by the comment made by Gloria Melani in Yourdover April 23 under the headline 'My club does not disturb the neighbours'.

I wish to beg to differ. Myself and Cllr Bill Gardner have had numerous complaints from people in the area.

Some residents have even taken to moving out of their homes at the weekend just to get some peace and quiet.

The planning department had indicated that the licence should be limited to 1am.

It is the very late licences of both Cafe Mio and the kebab shop which are resulting in the serious reduction in the amenity of that area of the High Street.

What are the district councillors doing about it?

Cllr Bryan Henderson  
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Last autumn saw the release of the 25th anniversary version of Jackson's record-breaking album Thriller. The new updated version includes contributions by contemporary artists such as Fergie, Kanye West and Akon, and modern musicians continue to reflect the influence of this iconic superstar.

Jackson, who will celebrate his 50th birthday this year, was the seventh of nine children and he began his showbiz career by joining the Jackson Five at the age of 11.

He was soon sharing lead vocals with brother Jermaine and the group set a record when their first four singles all reached number one in the US Billboard Hot 100. Though they became extremely successful, the Jacksons' childhoods are believed to have been dominated by the strict attentions of their father Joseph.

Jackson went on to begin a staggeringly successful solo career, his 1979



release Off The Wall becoming the first ever album to feature four Top 10 hits and going platinum seven times over.

Then in 1982 he released what would become the world's biggest selling album of all time. Sales figures vary depending on the source, but to date Thriller is believed to have sold about 65 million copies. It also prompted what many consider to be the real birth of the music video, with the 13-minute accompanying film still popular today.

Jackson continued to release highly successful albums and singles, but as the years went on his increasingly bizarre personal life began to overshadow his remarkable talent.

During the 1980s his skin began to visibly lighten, causing speculation that he was bleaching his skin, but he was later diagnosed with vitiligo and lupus. Plastic surgery and weight loss have also helped make him virtually unrecognisable as the young man from the Jackson Five.

He was briefly married to Elvis Presley's daughter Lisa Marie in the mid-90s. Then in 1996 he married nurse Deborah Jeanne Rowe, with whom he had two children, but they divorced three years later.

His friendships with young boys, mostly conducted at his Neverland ranch, have also caused controversy. A number of accusations of child molestation have been made against Jackson, most recently leading to his trial and subsequent acquittal in 2005.

But however bizarre Jackson's private life may become, his outstanding legacy as an unforgettable musical force will always be celebrated.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £32.50/£16.25. Call the box office on 01322 220000 or book online at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk).

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Craig has sung with The Righteous Brothers, Shel Silverstein, Jorma Kaukonen and Bobby Bare. As well as being the lead guitarist with The Strawbs for 25 years, Willoughby has played for Mary Hopkin,



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Smith sadly died of ovarian cancer in 2006 at the age of 48. Her partner Warren Lakin will be joined on stage by actors Kate Rutter and Mike McCarthy to pay tribute to Smith through a variety of stand-up routines, monologues and sketches.

The show starts at 7.45pm



and tickets cost £13, of which £1 will go to Ovarian Cancer Action. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or book online at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

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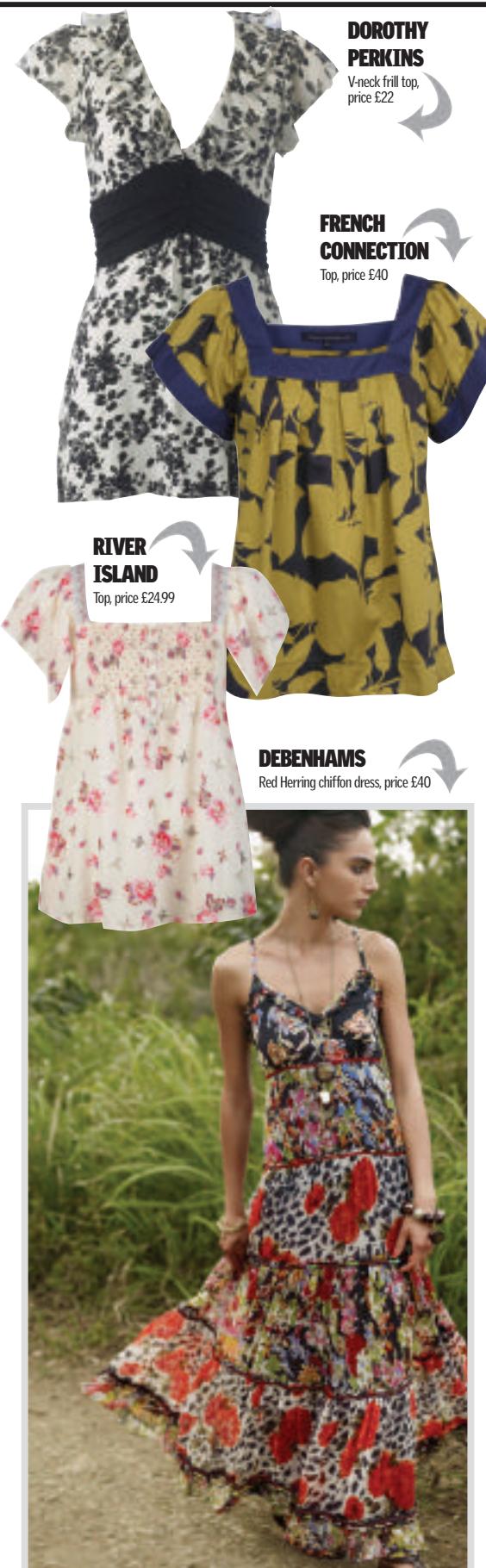


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# Hate to say I told you so but line-up's great

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

**SWEDISH** rockers The Hives are among the latest bands to be confirmed as playing at Zoo8 festival.

The Scandinavian showmen – famed for hits such as Hate To Say I Told You So, Die Alright and Tick Tick Boom – will headline the main stage on Sunday, July 6, bringing the inaugural three-dayer to a close.

Other bands signed up are hardcore punk outfit Gallows, Minus the Bear and Flogging Molly.

Zoo Thousand director Matt Dice said: "It's taken months of negotiations and sleepless nights to get to this stage – but it's all worth it when things come together and you see what a great line-up we've got."

## Big names

Among the other big name acts to play at the three day Port Lympne festival are covers star Mark Ronson, grime rapper Dizzee Rascal and rock 'n' rollers The Cribs, British Sea Power and The Young Knives.

Gallows will play a Zoo8 warm-up show at the Tap 'n' Tin in Chatham on Saturday, May 10. The cult venue will have its own stage across the festival.

Tap 'n' Tin events manager Chris Pritchard said he was looking forward to the festival, saying: "Gallows are just the tip of the iceberg.

"We've got top acts across the bill over the weekend, meaning our headliners will be supported by some of the best names around."

Zoo8 takes place at the Hythe zoo from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6, and boasts a capacity crowd of 20,000.

Weekend tickets cost £99 and include camping. Day tickets cost £45.

For details see [www.zoothousand.com](http://www.zoothousand.com).



**HEADLINERS:** The Hives will close the festival, Gallows will play a warm up gig at the Tap 'n' Tin

• **THE BILL:** Friday: Mark Ronson and the Version Players, Dizzee Rascal, Little Man Tate, Dan Le Sac vs Scroobius Pip, Gallows, Lethal Bizzle, Lupen Crook. Saturday: The Cribs, Ash, British Sea Power, Roni Size / Reprazent, Underground Heroes, Kid Harpoon, Chas 'n' Dave. Sunday: The Hives, Athlete, The Holloways, Pete and the Pirates, Funeral For a Friend, Flogging Molly, Does It Offend You, Yeah?



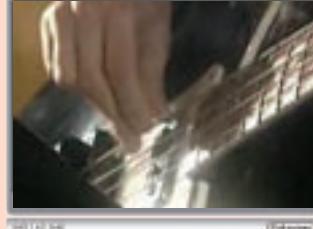
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## Safari, so good for animal park

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IT'S 5.30am and the Zimbabwean twang of the warden's voice calls through our tent to inform us tea and coffee is being served in the lodge ahead of the morning safari.

As I drag myself out of one of the two comfortable twin beds deep within the luxury canvas home on stilts in which I'm staying, I peer out over the countryside below.

A couple of giraffes lazily nibble at leaves on a tree, while wildebeest frolic as dawn break.

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About an hour and a half later you make your way to the hilltop, where the views down across Romney Marsh and the English Channel are quite tremendous. But not as tremendous as seeing a gag-

gle of giraffes blocking the road a few yards from the tents and lodge; your accommodation for the night.

In truth, the word 'tent' doesn't actually do it justice. There's enough space to not only swing a cat but probably a pride of lions too.

Nor will you actually stay there for long. Because then it is straight down to the Lapa – the lodge where comfy sofas nestle on one side, and a dining area on the other.

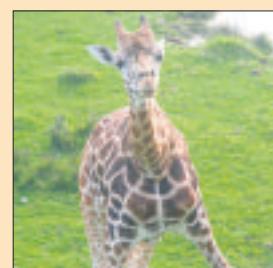
After welcoming drinks the evening meal is served around 7.30pm. And the food was quite exceptional. Take your pick from plump prawns to slices of succulent beef – it was perfect.

Bright and early the following morning you're woken and after coffee and croissants, you're back on the truck and heading off for a dawn safari.

Once back there's time for breakfast and then you are free to spend the rest of the day at the park.

OK, so health and safety regulations mean you're not going to pull up and see a lion hunting down some hapless antelope, nor is the adrenalin going to pump at the threat of elephants bearing down on you.

But, as an experience – and perhaps more importantly – something genuinely different, this may well prove hard to beat.



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

**I'D DO ANYTHING**  
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ITV1, 8pm, Saturday

THE battle for your Saturday night attention is in full swing.

Britain's Got Talent and I'd Do Anything are the prime time beasts vying for your affection and the war is getting ugly, just ask Andrew Lloyd Webber.

On John Barrowman TV, or BBC One to give it its former title, Graham Norton is looking for a Nancy (and not for the first time, one suspects) and a boy to play Oliver Twist.

This show has attracted criticism of late, as accusers point to the notion that this is little more than an advert for Lloyd Webber's latest production, but that criticism is a bit misplaced.

Not because those who have been having a dig at the BBC for its free plugging of Lord Webber's Oliver don't have a point, but misplaced because this show is utterly hideous from start to finish.

The over enthusiastic, stage school self-satisfaction of it all sees to that.

With a cloying desperation to make it on the stage, the wannabe Nancys and Olivers strut their stuff each week as we head closer to the inevitable, overly dramatic finale in which one of each group will land a part in the West End.

If ever there was a talent contest glorified beyond all reasonable doubt then this is it.

Two weeks ago, Lloyd Webber stormed off of the set as the closing titles set in.

The reason was that the British public had picked up their telephones,



**DON'T STAY IN:** There has to be a reason to watch these talent shows but it escapes me spent their money on the calls and disagreed with who he thought should be voted out.

How dare they?

Over on ITV1, Britain's Got Talent is also waving the talent show flag.

This is a bit like X Factor for dummies but, unlike its BBC counterpart, at least this slice of showbiz doesn't take itself too seriously.

The public remind us that we have a true mix of the bad, sad and truly mad and it's only very rarely that we see something truly worthy of the word talent.

Simon Cowell is still on fine form, dispensing ever bolder statements about how bad performers are, and ex-tabloid editor Piers Morgan also chips in with a few bombastic insults of his own.

While neither programme is worth staying in for on a Saturday, of the two BGT is at least a little endearing, not that Cowell would ever admit it.

BY RUSSELL GRANT



## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

FORGING a partnership is an excellent idea but you may have to do all the running so swallow your pride and do what's necessary. Changes are on the horizon with regard to your home. Although you're not a big fan of change, this one will give you a tremendous emotional lift.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

THERE'S never been a better time to get a new look. When you look good, you feel good. You could be paid handsomely for your creative work so price your creations as any professional would. Contrary to popular belief, artists can make lots of money doing what they love best.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE bursting with energy and confidence, which helps you overcome some formidable obstacles. This is a great week to launch an exercise program or train for a race. It's best not to discuss controversial topics in mixed company or a good friendship could be torn apart.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU face fierce competition in the professional arena. Fortunately, you'll be able to outperform your rivals, provided you stay healthy and rested. A good night's sleep will make all the difference between victory and defeat. A new relationship could make its way into your life.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR personal life is becoming a little more stable, much to your relief. It's nice to know you have people to lean on when times get tough. Don't be too stringent about the way your home should be organised. The more flexible you are, the happier your domestic situation will be.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THERE'S no point arguing with a stubborn relative. They are refusing to try anything new, even if it's in their best interests. Unfortunately, it won't be easy to escape their influence. You may have to devise some underhanded ways to enjoy your freedom.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

JOINING a group or making time for friends is good for you. You make more progress by working as a member of a team. It's possible you'll be trusted with a serious work project. This assignment won't come naturally, but it will give you some valuable skills. Forget any nagging fears.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'LL need to resume some responsibilities this week. Fortunately, you're feeling fresh and well rested. It's important to stay in constant communication with an authority figure or your boss will think you are out of order. If a friend asks you to accompany them on a trip, accept immediately.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S possible you will be asked to work in obscurity. This may not sit well with you, but don't despair. It could be that this stint will lead to better things. Follow your instincts, especially at work. Money could finally be awarded to you. Put this in a retirement fund or pay some bills.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR sex drive may go through the stratosphere this week. If you're single, make a move on someone sexy who tickles your fancy. If you already have a partner, arrange for a rendezvous. Health problems could crop up. Once this situation clears up, you'll have much more energy.

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IRON MAN (12A)



Based upon Marvel's iconic superhero, Iron Man tells the story of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr), a billionaire industrialist and inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating weapon. Following a life-threatening accident Stark injects his nervous system with a techno-organic virus to save his life.

MADE OF HONOUR (12A)



Made of Honour revolves around Tom (Patrick Dempsey) and Hannah (Michelle Monaghan), who have been friends for 10 years. While Hannah has always been interested in Tom, he has always treated her as a friend. He's a serial dater, while she wants marriage, she just hasn't found Mr Right...yet.

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Angela Bridges (Rachel Nichols), a young executive, works late before she leaves for a family party. When she gets down to the parking garage, she discovers her car won't start. The garage is deserted and her cell phone does not work. When Thomas (Wes Bentley), a security guard, offers to help, Angela nervously accepts his gesture of good will.

# Walking to work from the office

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

I DON'T even notice Mackenzie Crook until he tries to slide past my chair; he is so unassuming. The actor who made his name as Gareth in The Office apologises needlessly and takes his seat with a tentative smile.

Perhaps it is the 10 years he spent on the comedy circuit trying to break into acting – "I only meant to do it for two or three" – or the fact that he sees himself as an ordinary dad living in north London – "my daughter's three months old and my son is five" – but Crook doesn't seem to have let his time hanging out with Johnny Depp while filming Pirates Of The Caribbean go to his head.

Here to discuss his latest film, Three And Out, about a Tube driver who takes desperate measures to escape his miserable life, once he starts talking, there's no mistaking David Brent's hollow-eyed, war-obsessed right-hand man.

Despite his new-found fame, the 36-year-old, who was born in Maidstone and grew up in Dartford, says he still finds descriptions of his physical appearance, such as "cadaverous", rather unfair.

"I know I'm thin and have bags under my eyes, but that means corpse-like. But that's the look that's got me most of the parts I've played."

And as if aware that complaining about his looks is, at best, ridiculous, the actor grins. Since The Office, Crook has been embraced by Hollywood. Given a recurring role as Ragetti in the Pirates of the Caribbean trilogy, which has grossed almost \$3 billion, he's also worked with Johnny Depp in Finding Neverland and Matt Damon in The Brothers Grimm.

"I feel like I'm very lucky to be working as a professional actor and don't feel I have the right to turn down a role. During Pirates I was away for a very long time, almost six months

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of my son's first year. Doing Three And Out was mostly based around north London which was ideal because I could walk to work."

In his latest film, Crook plays Paul Callow, a depressed Underground train driver who wants to be a writer. After watching two people fall under his train, his workmates tell him that three 'oneunders' in a month equals instant retirement and a payout. And – on the edge of breakdown – Paul decides to find someone willing to be his third.

The movie has already been the subject of controversy. Accusing the film's makers of insensitivity, the union of train drivers protested at the premiere, arguing that suicide shouldn't be a source of comedy.

"It's a bit disappointing, I have to admit that," Crook says diplomatically. "It's not like my character enjoys running someone over and gleefully goes off to try and do it again. He is traumatised by it. It's also not what we dwell on, and not what the movie's about."

"I think when the people who are objecting go to the movie, they'll be pleasantly surprised."



VERY LUCKY: Mackenzie Crook spent 10 years on the comedy circuit before breaking into acting

During the film, Paul Callow has a fling with future Bond girl Gemma Arterton. Crook says for the first time he was faced with a love scene.

"Admittedly she didn't know she was a Bond girl at the time," he laughs. "That was a bonus. It was interesting that there was this romantic storyline in there, because I'm not often offered those sorts of parts."

But at the moment, everyone seems to love him. Well, apart from the train drivers' union.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Homeowners glad to recommend builder to friends

AROUND three quarters of people living in new houses are satisfied with the standard of construction and would recommend their builder to a friend who wanted work done.

The third annual Customer Satisfaction Survey by the Home Builders Federation showed a 76 per cent approval rate on the question of quality, with 75 per cent happy to recommend whoever did the work to others.

The results were very similar to last year, with variations of just two per cent in the proportion of satisfied persons.

The survey comes after an attack on the industry as a whole by entrepreneur Eddie Shah, who called into question standards of workmanship in an article to a magazine entitled Show Home.

This article was attacked in turn by Alan Ritchie, general secretary of UK construction workers union UCATT.

Federation chairman Stewart Baseley said: "Ensuring that customers are happy with their new homes is of crucial importance to homebuilders."

### Villages appeal to quarter of people in dream survey

A WISH list of dream homes has shown that around a quarter of people would like to live in a small village.

The traditional idea of a country dwelling full of character tops the list of respondents to the survey by insurance firm Legal and General, called Home Sweet Homes.

The survey looked at what was on offer in town and country and found the village was soaring in popularity – up to 25 per cent chose it following on from just eight per cent last year.

The number of people wanting to live in a city was nine per cent, while the countryside polled in 16 per cent.

But only 15 per cent said their home matched up to their aspirations.

Legal and General's insurance marketing director Garry Skelton said: "The survey would indicate that people are still positive about the housing market given the number of respondents who still wish to live in their dream home."



THE FUTURE: A Kent company's design for this eco-home was one of the main attractions at this year's Ideal Home Show.

## How green is our county?

THE county leads the way when it comes to eco-friendly features in homes, according to a study of how green the UK's houses really are.

Solar panels, wind turbines or rainwater harvesting systems are most common in Kent – with 53 properties on the market in the county having one or more of these.

Devon came next with 52, while Hampshire (42), Surrey (36) and Somerset (34) all did well.

In the north of England the picture wasn't so good with people putting eco home improvements way down the agenda when it

comes to houses on the market.

The survey was undertaken by Globrix, an industry analyst group which is part owned by newspaper publishers News International.

It discovered that the more stable market in the South provided an equity buffer which would fund possibly expensive and optional extras.

Homes with environmentally friendly features were in short supply in the North and Midlands – where the first dip in the housing market was noticed around a year ago.

Solar panels, which use the sun's energy to heat water or warm a property, have become increasingly popular.

Turbines can generate electricity while collecting rainwater cuts down on bills.

Other green initiatives include replacing standard light bulbs with energy-saving ones, improving insulation, low-flow showerheads which cut down on water waste.

Window tinting to reduce heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer is also becoming more popular.

But estate agents admit that they still regard the eco-friendly accessories and modifications as a luxury rather than an integral

part of the features of a property.

James Scott-Lee of Chancellors said: "I am yet to come across one (buyer) who has come back to say they are unhappy with the energy certificate for a property, or that they want a lump of money off because they are going to have to install solar panels."

Other estate agents say they feel homeowners are nervous of installing improvements for which they may not be able to recoup the cost in a resale.

Neil Chegwidden, head of residential research at industry specialists Jones Lang LaSalle said: "In a weaker market buyers, particularly at the bottom end, are just looking for value for money."

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Bubbly 40 yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

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Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5ft8, dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks, meals and more. Box 438941

**CUDY**  
32yr old woman, 5ft6, brown hair, curly, figure I enjoy having fun and a laugh, and WLM nice, kind gent. Box 438402

**NO BAGGAGE, SO LET'S PACE**  
Hi I'm 33, from Canterbury, non-worker as have heart problems, looking to meet someone, I'm 5ft6, have brown hair and affectionate for romantic times. Box 436785

**ROUTINE TWO**  
I'm 41, old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437638

**FOREVER YOURS**  
I'm 41, 5ft6, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, bubbly, brown hair, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Honest, working male, 41, 5ft4, bubbly, independent female, loves to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent male who values TLC. Box 414156

**TRY NEW THINGS**  
Mum to 3, 5ft6, blonde hair, slim, hard working, loves to walk my dog and ride my motorcycle. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

**WANNA RIDE MY BIKE?**  
Yolanda, 34, 5ft5, fair hair, blue eyes, hard working, loves to walk my dog and ride my motorcycle. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

**ROTTEN TO THE BONE**  
I'm 41, 5ft6, single, loves to eat, drink, socialise, likes to go to the cinema, loves to laugh, socialising with friends. Box 431559

**SHES MY BIKE?**  
Mum to 3, 5ft6, blonde hair, slim, hard working, loves to walk my dog and ride my motorcycle. Would you like to join me? Box 892927

**ON THE WINGS OF LOVE**  
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for night in/out and cinema. Box 428555

**IT'S IN THE AIR**  
I'm 41, 5ft6, single, likes having fun, eating out, bubbly, brown hair, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with an loving, honest, genuine and loving male. Box 438854

**MAKING IT WORK**  
Single female, 30, 5ft6, medium build, blonde hair, brown eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435050

**DIRTY DEEPER**  
Gentle, friendly female, 48, likes walking, dancing, gym, swimming, seeking a male for friendship & companionship, perhaps more. Box 430952

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate, brunnette, 48, medium build, blonde hair, brown eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with an loving, honest, genuine and loving male who values TLC. Box 414156

**HERE WE GO**  
Young female, 50, 5ft5, slim, bubbly, outgoing, loves to eat, drink, socialise, enjoys walking, dancing, gym, swimming, seeking a male for friendship & companionship. Box 439607

**AS NICE AS CAN BE**  
44yr old female, 5ft6, brown eyes, 5ft6, slim, fun-loving, loves socialising, cinema, chilling out, seeking a similar male to fall in love with. Box 439885

**BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD**  
Loving and loyal 50 year old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, reading, going to the beach, romance, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 413930

**MUM'S THE WORD**  
Attractive black female, 36, 5ft7, slim, medium build, short dark brown hair, brown eyes, single Mum, seeking male 36-40, honest, kind, caring, for potential romance. Box 439329

**ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK**  
Young, lively, caring, 50, 5ft6, slim, dancing, going out, swimming, travel, seeking male to share things with. Box 429628

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?**  
One woman, 45, no ties, one, honest, warm and kind. You are tall, honest, kind, caring, seeking a male if so get in touch. Box 918163

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving female, 45, 5ft6, GSOH, enjoys socialising, pub, smoking, looking for male to fall in love with. Box 428441

**ON A PLATE**  
Caring, honest 46 yr old female, 5ft2, eyes of blue, redheaded, Likes cinema, loves to go to the beach, enjoys walking, WLM male for potential relationship. Box 439993

**SOFA SO GOOD!**  
Sally, 46 yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes music, films, animals, dogs and snuggling and reading. Box 439528

**YOU ARE LONEROME TONIGHT**  
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive, 50, 5ft6, dark hair, enjoys cooking, rights, animals, dogs and snuggling and reading. Box 439355

**SHINE A LIGHT ON ME**  
I'm Dawn, 47, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special: I'm 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, fun and love. Box 439952

**A STROLL IN THE GARDEN**  
51yr old young female, separated, 2 grown-up children, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes gardening, reading, travelling, seeking a nice guy for company and perhaps more. Box 439870

**KENT CALLING!**  
Hi I'm 31, 5ft6, caring, attractive lady, 53yr old, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys walking, dancing, going out, seeking a male for potential relationship. Box 435674

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft6, own home, loves to travel, likes to keep fit, likes shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901

**JUST IMAGINE**  
Petite Brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, wants to meet someone special. Box 439793

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Single, slim, 5ft4, 38 yrs old, Kent born, into most things, looking for friend, possibly romance. Box 437717

**READ ME!**  
Lonely single Mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and聊天, WLM similar male for fun and love, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372883

**OH MANDY**  
Mandy, 38, blonde, petite and slim, very tactile and bubbly, professional, fun and friendly, seeking a romantic male. Box 438263

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Petite Brunette, bubbly and friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, wants to meet someone special. Box 439793

**PUT SPARE INTO LIFE**  
Honest, contented soul lady, 59, NMS, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and more. Box 697222

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Easygoing, single female, 38, 5ft4, blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and聊天, WLM similar male for fun and love, maybe leading to LTR. Box 437717

**YOUNG AT HEART**  
Attractive 36yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, socialising, cinema, dancing, seeks affectionate male, 36-40, for friendship/relationship. Box 739664

**NEVER SAY NEVER**  
Descent 36yr old female, medium build, hair, 5ft6, likes cooking, eating & having fun, seeking a male for friendship/relationship. Box 901833

**QUESTIONS OF SPORT**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5ft2, blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE**  
Lively, attractive female, 32, 5ft5, looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124

**ARE YOU MR RIGHT?**  
Single Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

**WANT TO MEET**  
Upcoming, 29, bored silly and just looking for friends to go out and have a laugh with, nothing else. Preferably students in the Canterbury. Box 895165

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Enjoy the chance of an escape to Italy

ROMANTICS could win a luxury holiday to Verona, Italy – top prize at this weekend's test drive event at KAP Nissan, Folkestone.

Verona, setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, was chosen to reflect the luxurious spec on models such as the Micra Acenta+, Micra C+C Acenta (pictured) and Note Acenta R models, including Bluetooth phone integration, air con, electric mirrors and alloys.

KAP's Graham Furneaux said: "Motorists will fall for the Micra and Note's style, elegance and great performance. And with a chance to win a trip to one of the most romantic cities in the world, we're certain they'll find it hard to resist a visit."



### Others offer the Long Way Down

COLLEAGUES at Baileys, Canterbury, are also tempting people into test drives this weekend, but concentrating on Nissan's now formidable 4x4 range.

Early arrivals could walk away with a DVD box set of eight adventure-themed films including 'Long Way Down' – Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's motorcycle trek down South Africa, with two hardy Nissan Patrols as back-up.

Models on offer this weekend include a special edition Navara pick-up (pictured) with leather seats, sunroof and 'Long Way Down' flashes, badge and floor mats – from £17,995+VAT.



### Others back the bikes

CHRYSLER'S all-new seven-seat Grand Voyager has demonstrated its people and cargo-lugging powers by acting as support vehicle for the three-day/120-mile Lady Mayoress' Charity Cycle Ride from Canterbury to Arras in Northern France.

The car was supplied by Dutton Forshaw – the Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge dealer at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury – where dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "This was a great event to be involved with and we had the perfect car to act as support vehicle in our new Grand Voyager."



**CONQUEST:** Citroën's new C5 has a distinctly Germanic feel to its design and advertising campaign, however the price tag it comes with is a lot more French

## Citroën's 'Touch of Klaus' turns tables on Germans

CONTROVERSY often drives successful ads, so Citroën will be happy with politically correct grumbles about the 'teutonic' launch campaign for its new C5.

It headlines with a Wagnerian TV clip complete with sword duel, busty serving girls and an oompah band – stereotyping described as "inappropriate and tasteless" by a few MPs.

But public reaction has been positive for a campaign also featuring lines like "A Touch of Klaus", "Deutsch Marque", "Smit Hot" and, for the forthcoming estate model, "Das Boot".

By now, nobody can be unaware that this quintessentially French car maker is taking on German makers at their own game.

The new C5 is still quirky, but the newcomer even looks German, apart from Citroën's new chrome 'moustache' across the bonnet rather than Audi's heavy 'goatee'.

Having caught the eye, Citroën has been careful not to disappoint, with a Germanic quality about the feel of the car, although prices start from a non-Audi £16,995.

### ROAD TEST

#### CITROËN C5

■ BY STEVE LOADER

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This has been made possible by conventional steel suspension on cheaper versions, with Citroën's trademark air-springing used higher up the range. Unfortunately, I was unable to try the former since the car loaned by Wilmoths of Ashford was an upmarket Exclusive with the hydro-pneumatic layout.

For the moment, this is the preferred choice anyway according to Wilmoths' manager John Ives, although he predicted more sales with the conventional layout as more people realise the new C5's blend of value and style.

I cannot argue with his confidence; looking beyond the frills of the 138bhp 2.0HDi Exclusive Auto (£21,595) I drove, it is not hard to see the C5's powerful underlying proposition in terms of style, comfort, fit and finish.

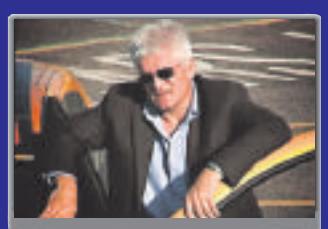
Citroën diehards will be happy they can still buy the famous 'feather-bed' suspension, especially as Citroën has tightened its tendency to roll into the bends, if not the rather light steering.

But you can also see how 'Germanic' underpinnings on cheaper versions could win new buyers in the increasingly competitive family/company car sector.



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04/54	C3 1.4i Desire 5 door.....
05/54	C3 1.4HDi 92hp SX 5door.....
04/04	C3 1.4i SX AUTO 5 door.....
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# USED CAR ROUND-UP:

## OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### FAMILY HATCHBACKS

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#### VAUXHALL ASTRA



LAUNCHED in 2004, the latest Astra retains a freshness that comes from distinctive design. It also has driver appeal, build quality and good engine range. However, as a big seller to the fleet sector, used prices and choice are also excellent – ideal as an affordable and spacious replacement for something bigger. Diesels are good, but better mpg offered by that fuel is negated by its higher cost, so don't ignore the 1.6 and 1.8-litre petrol units.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### SEAT LEON



IT has taken car buyers longer to see the VW connection with Seat than it has with Skoda, but there is more momentum for the Spanish brand in the UK. However, the previous Leon based on the VW Golf Mark IV continues to be overlooked as an affordable used car buy; it has Golf underpinnings but is far more stylish, better to drive and boasts some of the best hot hatchbacks of recent years – the Cupra and Cupra Type R (pictured).

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#### BMW 1-SERIES



IT will never win a beauty contest with its bluff face and saggy bodyline, but the BMW 1-Series is a formidable player on the used market – an affordable route into a badge that carries street cred and can ease the pain of downsizing. It is a tightly-sprung yet rewarding car to drive, but rear-wheel drive ensures the back seat and boot are a little cramped. Running costs are manageable and the diesels are good news for saving on fuel.

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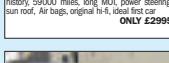
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For further information about the post, please contact Debbie Spice, District & Court Co-ordinator, Attendance & Behaviour Service on 01233 898673.

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No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds. A copy of such notice may be sent to me at the address below.

Requests to meet the auditor to ask questions or make objections in relation to the accounts should be sent to: Darren Wells, Appointed Auditor, Audit Commission, 16 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1SN.

The auditors will be available on Tuesday 24 June 2008 at Kent Police Headquarters at 10am. David Lewis, Treasurer, Kent Police Authority, Gail House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6NB.





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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Conference hears of green initiatives

A HEATING scheme fuelled by wood waste, an office 'pool bike', and the cultivation of urban pocket habitats are just some of the green initiatives local businesses are undertaking to reduce their impact on the environment.

These were among the presentations made at C4B's first environment conference, held on Earth Day recently in the main hall at Canterbury College.

C4B – Canterbury for Business – was launched in 2003. It is an economic partnership between the public, private and voluntary organisations operating within the district of Canterbury.

Businesses join C4B as associate members free of charge.

### Seminars promise to be eye-opening

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### Printer gets bigger

ASHFORD printer Headley Brothers has commissioned its second ten-colour long perfecting printing press, which cements the company's position as one of the largest sheet-fed printers in the UK with 50 units.

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A survey of CVs by an online recruitment site has found that four out of every ten received by an employer contain fundamental errors.

Spelling mistakes, poor punctuation and bad design or layout lead the list of worst CV crimes.

Jobsincredit.com interviewed 100 HR professionals at some of the UK's leading organisations.

As well as poor attention to detail, other errors included the omission of qualifications, key dates and even contact details for referees.

Brett Marlow, director of Jobsincredit.com, said: "With spelling and grammar checkers built into word processors, there's simply no excuse for a CV to contain typos.

"As for design, the principle offenders are the use of outlandish fonts and poor layout. A great CV needs to be easy to read."

To help improve the country's CVs, Jobsincredit.com offers the following advice.

**Presentation:** First impressions really do matter so it's important your CV looks fantastic. If it's going to be printed and posted, use the highest quality paper you can. Wherever possible, get your CV printed on a laser printer. Never send a photocopied CV.

**Length:** One page is ideal and two pages are quite acceptable. Some senior or technical roles may run to three pages – but no more.

**Layout:** The CV should be eye-catching and uncluttered. Use bold text, underlining and bullet points to achieve this – but don't go over the top.

**Relevance:** Only include the information that sells you – prospective employers don't want to waste time reading details irrelevant to your ability to fulfil the job role.



**WRITE STUFF:** Make sure you get the job of your dreams – by ensuring your CV gets you to the interview

**Structure:** Place the most relevant information at the top so that prospective employers see this first.

For example, recent graduates will probably have stronger qualifications than work experience so should describe their education before their career summary.

**Profile:** All the best CVs have a professional profile on the first page. This should summarise the specific skills acquired during studies or employment and should carefully avoid any clichés.

**Target the CV:** Be focused. Where is your career heading? Tailor your CV accordingly. Use the profile to emphasise your relevant skills and use – but don't overuse – appropriate terminology and buzzwords.

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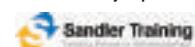
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**FANTASTIC SEASON:** Dover RFC's play-off victory secured promotion to London 2 South

## Sharks chief's promotion joy

### RUGBY

DOVER RFC chairman Richard Catt has allowed himself to be swept along with the club's success and has pondered the thought of yet another promotion next season.

The Sharks were promoted to London 2 South through the play-offs to secure their fifth step up in the last six seasons.

As a result of their fantastic season, the Dover players were awarded caps at a special ceremony last week to commemorate their achievements.

They were given caps by the mayor at the Town Hall as a surprise, followed by a night at the club's ground where the side were able to digest what they had achieved.

As the Sharks continue their

ascent up the leagues, Catt has dared to think about the side doing it again next campaign.

He said: "Five promotions in six years is an amazing achievement and the players really deserved to be honored. I am truly very proud of everyone at this club."

"As for next season, I just don't know what is going to happen. For the last few years I have wanted us to aim for a safe position in the division, but the players have gone further than that and got promotion so you never know."

Dover take on four Kent teams in

London 2 South next season in the form of Beckenham, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Thanet Wanderers.

Coach Graham Tonks is looking forward to the new campaign already and hopes his players remain injury free again – a key as to why they did so well this season.

He said: "We've exceeded our expectations by far. We said let's just consolidate and go on from there, but we've worked hard and the club have given the first team great support."

"We came through a lot of games unscathed and have been relatively free of injuries, so it's been absolutely amazing."

## Still time to enter sevens tournament

THE 61st East Kent Sevens tournament is being put on again by Dover Rugby Club this weekend.

The popular competition is held at Dover's Crabble ground on Sunday and is open to all teams in the county to enter.

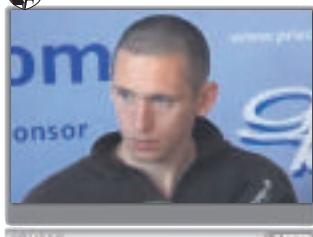
There are still places for sides to enter, all you have to do is download an invite letter and entry form on the club's website at [www.doverfc.co.uk](http://www.doverfc.co.uk) to register your interest.

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 Gills captain Andrew Crofts talks after the club's relegation from League One

## Cricket club to pad up for new season

FOLKESTONE Cricket Club 1st XI start their campaign at the weekend against Whitstable.

It is being held at the club's Cheriton Road ground and Folkestone will be looking to get their Kent League Division One season off to the best possible start.

If you are interested in playing for one of the club's three teams that play on a Saturday, you should go to one of the games this season or join them at training on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm.

The colts side train on a Mondays from 5pm to 7pm.

For further information, call coach Nobby Clark on 0795 6636585.



**STAYING ON:** Dover manager Andy Hessenthaler (right) has signed a new deal to stay at the Crabble and says Jon Wallis (left) has told him he will also commit his future to the club

## Big boost for Whites as Hess signs new contract

### FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic's attempts to achieve back-to-back promotions have been boosted with the news Andy Hessenthaler has penned a new deal at the club.

The Dover boss led the Whites to the Ryman Division One South title in his first year at the Crabble and is gunning for the Ryman Premier next term.

The former Gillingham manager signed a two-year contract to keep him at Crabble until 2011 and is delighted to be part of the club's bright future.

#### Delighted

He said: "The chairman offered me a new deal a few weeks ago but I decided not to sign as I wanted to see out the season."

"I am delighted to sign the contract as I am really enjoying my time at Dover and I have ambitions of moving this club up the ladder. Darren Hare [assistant manager] and I come as

go, especially when they have been a part of a championship-winning team, but it is part of the job of being a manager. I sat down with all the players and they were all good about it."

"Some of the players have played significant parts of the promotion-winning season and I am grateful but unfortunately this happens in football. I am glad most of the players have signed or been offered deals but I will be looking to bring some more players in."

"I spoke to Jon Wallis the other day and he has not yet signed, but he told me he will commit his future to the club with a one-year deal."

"As for John Keister, he deserves another year at the club. He was our player of the season and I believe his experience could be crucial and hopefully we will be able to retain the services of Alan Pouton who has had a stop-start season."

"As for me, I will probably have a break and go on holiday with the family but I know all I will be thinking about is about football and pre-season. My wife is used to it now so it shouldn't be a problem."

# Own goal puts end to Hythe's trophy hopes

## FOOTBALL

■ BY FRED ATKINS

### Hythe Town 0 Erith Town 1

DAVE Cook's 39th-minute own goal ended Hythe's hopes of silverware this season, as they lost a drab Kent League Cup Final to Erith.

Dave Skelton and keeper Paul Hyde failed to deal with a corner from Kevin George and Cook had no time to react before he deflected the ball in.

Hythe improved in the second-half but Gavin Ransley's header was cleared off the line and with the Dockers hitting the bar late on, Fisk said he had few complaints.

He told Yourshepway: "We just didn't play very well in the first half. Whether it was nerves I don't know but if we'd played anything like we can we'd have won."

Fisk admitted injuries had taken a toll: "We played with some tired players and Lee Winfield was carrying an injury, as was Buster Smissen who was struggling with his knee – but these aren't excuses."

The Hythe boss also felt his side had exceeded expectations this season, saying: "Straight after the game I was disappointed but if you'd asked me at the start of the season I'd have said finishing fourth for a team is an achievement and we beat Dover in the FA Cup, which was brilliant."

"We've just tailed off a bit. I did think it was



KEPT OUT: Hythe (in red) failed in their bid to lift the Kent League Cup against Erith Town

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

maybe because of the cup final, but it's something we can look at for next season. I'll spend 24 hours feeling sorry for myself then I'll get on with planning for next season."

Finding a sponsor for next year is crucial,

according to Fisk. "I want to be able to push on," he said. "But it does depend on the financial side. At the moment the majority of our players are local, but we might be able to tap up some others. Whatever happens we'll try to push on."

## Loyal Cugley on why he can't leave Invicta

## FOOTBALL

NEIL Cugley may not have made a full recovery from the disappointment of last week's defeat to Maidstone, but despite speculation that he would either resign or be sacked after the club were relegated, Invicta confirmed that Cugley would remain in charge next season.

The man himself said his passion for the club banished any thought of walking out.

He said: "Sometimes you think about it [leaving]," he said, "But I've been here for 11 years, obviously I'm a local person and I want the club to do well."

Having declined offers from other clubs in the past, Cugley was glad the club reciprocated his loyalty: "I had offers at different times and you take that as a compliment, but I'm a Folkestone boy and I'm determined to turn it around."

"I'm on the phone pretty much all the time talking to players. We're looking to bring people in and obviously some will leave the club because their contracts have run out, but you just have to accept that."

However, Cugley dismissed the



STAYING PUT: Invicta boss Neil Cugley

idea that relegation could be a blessing in disguise.

He said: "It didn't seem like it. It's not a blessing when you've worked so hard to get to that level. But things have been sorted out of the pitch and that's pleasing – in fact the situation's as positive as it's been for years off the field."

A Folkestone XI lost 5-3 at home to Gillingham in a testimonial for Michael Everitt on Friday night, after leading 3-1 at one stage.

However, Cugley dismissed the

## Top scores all round as 180 hit again and again

## DARTS

WEEK six of the Dover Invitation Darts League could be called the 180 week, writes Paul Turner.

No fewer than seven 180s were hit in Division One alone. Surprisingly none of these were recorded in the top of the table clash in Division One between The Malvern and The Archer.

Before this fixture neither side had lost a match, and The Malvern ran out comfortable 7-2 winners.

The Malvern play the Bull A next week in another crucial game.

Ritchie Buckle, the 180 leader with six, recorded his latest against the Seaman's Mission in the Hairy Bull's 7-2 win. However, the shot of the night was Martin Pepe's 150 out shot for the Hairy.

It was the highest recorded this season, beating Ian Campbell's 132 from the opening week of the season.

The Boars Head B went 180 mad in their 5-4 victory over the Phoenix Cups. Lee Ware recorded his fourth of the season whilst Kevin Green and Paul Turner



CHAMPION: Lee Ware is the summer league 180 trophy holder

both recorded their first of the season. Lee Ware is the current trophy holder for the 180s in the summer league, last year he hit seven, a total that will be beaten this season, probably by more than one player.

Gary Mills and Ben Tester both hit 180s in the Bull A 7-2 win against the Diamond. Gordon Speakman responded with his first 180 of the season in the same match.

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I'LL DRINK TO THAT: Kent coach Graham Ford says his side will improve after a slow start to the season

## Hard work will reap rewards, says Ford

KENT coach Graham Ford believes his side will come good despite a sluggish start to the season.

Rob Key's side were thrashed by ten wickets in their opening county championship clash with Nottinghamshire and followed that up with defeats in the Friends Provident Trophy against Essex and Middlesex.

Like last season, Kent's first-innings totals have not been up to scratch, having registered 162 against Nottinghamshire and 204 at Sussex.

However, Ford points to the 324 for one on the opening day of the tour match against New Zealand as signs his side are kicking into gear and addressing those problems.

He said: "The boys are working extremely hard. We had a slow start last summer, but as I kept saying then, their hard work deserves success and I believe they will get their rewards.

"They are a really good gang that support each other at all times.

"Hopefully we showed signs against New Zealand that we are getting better with a change in the order with James Tredwell coming in early, so hopefully that will help things. But these are things you have to work hard on and talk about, there is no miracle cure."

Tredwell was promoted to open in the absence of Key at Hove against Sussex last week where he scored a battling 40 and 53, before hitting an excellent 123 not out against New Zealand batting at number three.

Ford admits he has long pondered moving Tredwell up the order and he will continue to do so during the summer.

He said: "We certainly will be moving him up the order more regularly. It is something we have been talking with him about for a while now and at Hove he showed he is the right kind of player for that role."

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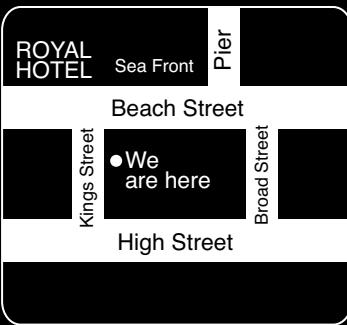
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